

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

## The Ride to Dreamtown.

Listen, my darling! Low and clear,  
The sound of the Sloopland bell I hear.  
It is calling, calling from far away,  
Through the twilight falling, still and gray.

Fairy music its sweet voice seems,  
As it bids you away to the land of dreams.

There's a good steed waiting, my dear,  
To bear

My little one where the dream-elves are;  
Mount it, my darling, and ride away  
Through the starry twilight, still and gray;  
It will carry you safely o'er hill and lea,  
This trusty charger of mamma's knee!

Mount and away, with a good-night kiss,  
Was ever so gentle a steed as this!  
It ambles softly where roads are rough;  
A touch of your unspurred foot's enough  
To set it galloping fast and free,  
Was ever so staid like a mother's knee?

We are half-way over the road, my dear,  
The stars are out and the way is clear;  
And galloping, galloping, on we go,  
Till the Drowsy Plains we have crossed;

The gleam of the Dreamtown lights we see,  
What steed so swift as a mother's knee?

The gates swing open and we ride  
Through;

What a host of children ahead of you!  
Big ones and little ones, dark and fair,  
They have come to Dreamtown from  
everywhere.

I wonder, darling—did you get me—  
If they all rode over on mother's knee?

## Dames' Meeting.

The January meeting of the Virginia Colonial Dames was held last afternoon in the home of Mrs. J. Alston Cabell. A large number of Dames were present, the president, Mrs. H. A. Claiborne, being in the chair.

The president read a letter from Mr. Somerville, asking the help of the society in restoring Falls Church, near Alexandria. The subject was discussed, but it was decided that, as the Dames had already pledged in thousands of dollars to the national society towards the restoration of the church building at Jamestown, and had undertaken much other work, they could not follow their desire in so far as the Falls Church was concerned.

In regard to the silver to be presented by the Dames to the battleship Virginia, a design was shown by Mrs. Claiborne, and was much admired, but no definite decision, beyond that of determining upon something beautiful and unique, was reached.

It was decided to go on with the work of copying and printing the parish registers in the State, and as the society has been encouraged by an unusual number of copies recently sold, another register will be printed very soon.

The Dames, instead of giving a midwinter entertainment, will go to Charlottesville April 13th, and be present at the installation services of the first president of the University of Virginia, Dr. Edwin A. Alderman.

Mrs. Cabell prepared herself what she always is, a gracious and lovely hostess. Miss Mary Drake, Miss Blair and other young ladies assisted her in serving delicious refreshments. The meeting was one of the pleasantest of the winter.

## Undergraduates to Seniors.

A beautiful reception was given by the undergraduates of the Woman's College last evening to the members of the Senior Class and their friends, who were the guests of honor, and were most handsomely entertained, their classmates exhibiting a fine college spirit in their desire to compliment the graduates of 1906.

The college parlors were most artistically decorated in the class flowers, the Liberty rose, and each of the Seniors wore an American Beauty rose, the occasion being the hostesses of the evening. An orchestra rendered a delightful programme during reception hours, and the delectable refreshments were served by the dearest and prettiest of youthful servers.

Guests were received by Miss Bessie Robertson, of Chapel Hill, N. C.; and Miss Mary Crawford, of Augusta county, representing the undergraduates, with Miss Edith McCarthy, the president of the Seniors. The young ladies were assisted by Mrs. Sally Harris and Miss Mary Carter, Anderson, of the college. Miss Robertson was charmingly gowned in celestine blue, Miss Crawford wore rose pink silk mull; Miss McCarthy was in white lace; Mrs. Harris, in black chiffon cloth and lace; and Miss Anderson, in white chiffon and American Bouquet.

The evening was distinctly full of enjoyment. The parlors were filled with callers, and the guests of honor were the recipients of all sorts of pleasant attentions. The college prestige in the pleasantness of the social gatherings has reached a high standard, which last evening's entertainment is likely to advance.

## Prize Winners.

At the whist game, given by the ladies of Beth Abrahams Temple in the Jefferson Club last evening, Mrs. Cohen won the first prize; Mrs. George Davis, of Baltimore, the second; Miss Clara Straus, of Charleston, W. Va., the third. Mrs. Joseph Levy and Mrs. Meyer Frank were consoling.

Miss Eleanor Robson, one of the most charming women on the American stage, will be entertained by Miss Ellen Glasgow next Wednesday afternoon.

Those who were fortunate enough to see Miss Robson during her previous appearances here, are anticipating great pleasure in the prospect of witnessing her presentation of "Mary Ann" in the play, "Merely Mary Ann," at the Academy next week. Miss Robson was

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## POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Professor Charles Eliot Norton.

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## TO-DAY.

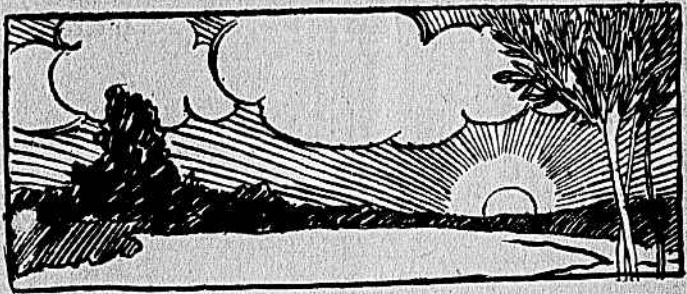
By THOMAS CARLYLE.

So here hath been dawning another blue day;  
Think, wilt thou let it slip useless away?

Out of eternity this new day is born;  
Into eternity at night will return.

Behold it aforesome no eye ever did;  
So soon it forever from all eyes is hid.

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This series began in The Times-Dispatch Sunday, October 11, 1903. One is published each day.

Miss Mary Johnson's guest when she played "Audrey" in Richmond.

## Mrs. Scott's Hunt Breakfast.

The social event of to-day will be Mrs. Frederick W. Scott's hunt breakfast, at which the hunting men will appear in their pink coats, and the young ladies in their riding habits. After the breakfast will come the meet and the afternoon reception at the club house, making a pleasant prospect for smart riders of both sexes, and for the society women, that always form the Reception Committee at the club.

## Clayton—Langhorne.

At noon Wednesday, Miss Nannie Taylor Langhorne, of Washington, D. C., formerly of Lynchburg, Va., and Captain Powell Clayton, Jr., of the Eleventh Regiment, United States Cavalry, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Langhorne.

The ceremony in the presence of the families of the contracting pair. The bride, robed in white satin, trimmed with old rose point lace, with tulle veil, and carrying a bouquet of white orchids and lilies of the valley, entered with her brother, Captain George T. Langhorne. She was preceded by her sister, Miss Alice Langhorne, who wore a gown of pink chiffon, and carried pink roses.

The bridegroom, who awaited them in the drawing-room, wore his full-dress uniform, as did his best man, Captain J. R. M. Taylor, of the Fourteenth Regiment, United States Infantry, and the army men among the ushers.

Among the latter were Baron Moncheur, the Belgian Minister; Captain William Lanister, Captain James Logan, and M. Marshall Langhorne.

Captain Clayton is the son of the American Ambassador to Mexico, and brother of Baroness Moncheur.

The young couple will pass most of their honeymoon in Mexico, later going to Des Moines, Iowa, where the bridegroom is now stationed.

## Hine—Lewis.

Miss Norma Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lewis, of Washington, D. C., was married on Tuesday evening to Mr. Milton J. Hine, of Danville, in the home of the bride's parents on Kentucky Avenue.

A gift in memory of George Maydwell, of Waugh Chapel, officiated.

Captain W. S. Davenport was best man, and the bride was attended only by her sister, Miss Dorothy Lewis.

The bride wore a gown of white crepe de chine, trimmed with duchess lace, and carried a shower bouquet of bride roses and lilies.

A pretty feature was the playing of the Mendelssohn "Wedding March" by the entry of the bride and groom, and "Hearts and Flowers" during the ceremony, by the bride's childhood friend, Mrs. Norma Ziesler Wilcox, at whose wedding in the fall the bride of to-day performed the same service.

Mr. and Mrs. Hine will be at home to their friends in Danville, Va., upon their return from a Northern tour.

## Engagement Announced.

Mr. and Mrs. George V. Oyster, of Winchester, Va., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Estella Virginia Oyster, to Mr. Benjamin T. Prince, of Baltimore.

The marriage is to take place at the residence of the bride's parents, South Kent Street, Winchester, at 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, February 28th.

Miss Oyster, who is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oyster, is one of Winchester's prettiest and most charming girls, and exceedingly popular among a large circle of acquaintances.

Mr. Prince is the eldest son of the late Captain Thomas C. Prince, for many years superintendent of the Valley division of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and occupies a respectable position with that company in Baltimore. He and his bride will make their future home in this city.

## Allen—Dyson.

Miss Lella Precilla Dyson and Mr. Temple Spotswood Allen, of this city, were united in marriage Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at the residence of the bride's mother, on Liberty Street, Petersburg.

The bride was given away in a handsome tailor-made suit, and carried a bunch of violets. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. M. Maxey, of Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen left for the North on a bridal tour.

Lexington Daughters Receive.

The Mary Custis Lee Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy at Lexington, gave a very enjoyable reception Thursday afternoon at the hospitable home of Dr. and Mrs. Andrew D. Estill.

The parlors and dining room were tastefully decorated in the Confederate colors—red and white—with Confederate flags and cut flowers.

The receiving committee was composed of Miss Sue Davidson, Miss Annie R.

White, Mrs. Estill and the officers of the chapter. Delightful refreshments were served during the afternoon.

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or Confederate Veterans were the guests of honor, and they were the recipients of much attention at the hands of the ladies.

## An Approaching Wedding.

Cards have been received announcing the approaching marriage of Mr. Thomas Cleveland Preston and Miss Mary Thorne, of Thacker, two well known young Salem people, at the home of the bride in Salem, Va., on February 14, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The bride-elect is an attractive and popular young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Thacker, while the groom-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Preston, and a prominent young business man of Gloucester, Va.

## Cameron Run Hunt Ball.

A number of prominent Richmond people attended the hunt ball of the Cameron Run Hunt Club last night at Alexandria. It was a great success from every point of view, and guests were present from hunt club circles all over the State.

The dancing continued until a late hour, and during the evening an elaborate supper was served by a prominent Washington caterer, while the ball and dining room were decorated by Loosa.

The collon favors attracted universal praise, being sporting in character, consisting of fox horns, jockeys' caps, hats, whips and spurs.

In connection with the ball, horse parties were given by Mrs. Courtland Smith and Miss Nora Herbert, among whose guests were Miss Anne Thomas and Miss Helen Baughman, of Baltimore, and Messrs. T. Lee Evans and Sidney Holloway, of New York.

## Bust of Cicero.

The bust of Cicero, which was presented to the University of Virginia by Professor Coles, of Columbia, arrived Monday, and was placed in the library in front of the portrait of Professor Schiele de Vere.

The bust is in bronze, and is a valuable and artistic piece of work. The pedestal is of green marble, harmonizing well with the bronze. The bust bears the following inscription:

"A gift in memory of Thomas Jefferson, Father of the University of Virginia, from Jonathan Ackerman Coles, A. B., A. M., M. D., LL. D., Columbia University."

## Petersburg Visitors.

The Petersburg Index-Appeal of yesterday contains the following:

Quite a number went over from here to Richmond to hear "Parsifal" sung. Mr. Cleveland Wright was accompanied by Mrs. Katharine Eirt, who is a beautiful woman, and was one of the most handsomely gowned in the vast audience. Miss Birt, who is from Pennsylvania, is here assisting Mrs. Robertson in her music school. She has an exceptionally sweet voice, and is a great addition to the Market Street Church choir, of which she is a member. Her handsome appearance and the extreme ease

with which she sings, has won for her a host of admirers in this city.

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The engagement is announced of Miss Elizabeth Laidlaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laidlaw, of New York, to Mr. George Garr Henry, of Morris-town, N. Y. The wedding will occur at Easter.

Miss Blanch Garrett, of Bedford City, is visiting friends in the city.

The engagement of Miss Eleanor Benson and Mr. Stephen Fields, both of Gloucester county, is announced. The wedding will take place in Ware's Church, February 22d.

Miss Helen O'Ferrall, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Charles T. O'Ferrall, is visiting Mrs. Algernon Cabell in Danville.

Miss Waller Jeffers is having a pleasant stay with Mrs. James I. Pritchard in Danville.

Mrs. Robert E. Pattison, wife of the late Governor Pattison, of Pennsylvania, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Louise, to Mr. J. Lawrence Perry, of Alexandria, Va.

The wedding will take place February 22d, at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. E. S. Bartlett, in Philadelphia.

At a meeting of the Confederate Memorial Literary Society, held in the room of the society at the Museum on Wednesday, the following new members were elected:

Ellen H. Cantrell, of Little Rock, Ark.; Mrs. John D. Dwyer, Mrs. Robert Burgess.

Mrs. Alexander White, of Columbia, S. C., formerly Miss Fannie Wellford, is visiting Mrs. James Dooley at Mount Pleasant.

Mrs. William McCreary Ramsey, of Westover, is spending a few days in Richmond, and was the dinner guest yesterday of Mrs. Allison Hodges.

THREE NEW FIRMS.

Corporation Commission Starts Business in the Southwest.

The State Corporation Commission yesterday granted the following charters:

Wise Real Estate Company (Inc.), 1216 W. Main St., president, W. S. Matthews, secretary and treasurer, all of Big Stone Gap, Va. Capital stock, \$5,000. Objects: To conduct a general real estate business.

Interstate Collecting Agency (Inc.), Big Stone Gap, Va. Capital stock, \$5,000. Objects: To conduct a general collecting business.

Richmond and Chesapeake Bay Railway Co., Richmond, Capital, \$25,000. Frank J. Gould, president; Guy Phillips, secretary and treasurer.

Supreme Court Proceedings.

Proceedings of the Supreme Court yesterday were:

Globe Furniture Company vs. Trustees Jerusalem Baptist Church and others, argued William W. Old, appellant, and submitted.

McNaboe Sub-trustee vs. Hoffheimer and Southern Railway Company, vs. Backs' administrator, but the young man, who was which could not have been caused by a finger nail previously poisoned. Since we know he pressed his hand to his throat this blood-stain makes no sense as I have yet been able to examine it without a glass, was made with a somewhat blunt instrument, able, apparently, to draw a drop or so of blood. Of course, on such a theory, death must have resulted from poisoning. The essential point is: Where is the instrument that inflicted the wound?

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